

10 December 2021



Dear stakeholder,

**Extending the consultation period for the H7 Initial Proposals: CAP2274 (OBR working paper) and CAP2275 (draft licence modifications)**

The CAA published our Initial Proposals on the H7 price control review for consultation on 19 October which included the broad parameters of our proposed OBR framework.<sup>1</sup> The deadline for consultation responses is 17 December.

This was followed by the publication of CAP 2274 (the OBR Working Paper) and CAP 2275 (the Draft Licence Modifications in relation to Initial Proposals) on 19 and 23 November respectively. These publications provided further detail on specific elements of the CAA's Initial Proposals including the remaining aspects of the OBR framework and draft licence modifications for consultation. The consultation deadline for both publications is currently 7 January 2022.

Following recent stakeholder representations, the CAA has decided to make the following changes to the consultation timetable for CAP2274 and CAP2275:

- CAP2274: the consultation deadline will be extended to **12 noon on Tuesday 18 January 2022**. This provides stakeholders with over an additional week to respond, taking the overall consultation period to just over eight weeks.
- CAP2275: the consultation deadline will be extended to **close of business on Friday 21 January 2022**. This provides stakeholders with an additional two weeks to respond, taking the overall consultation period to eight weeks and three days.

We consider these extensions are proportionate and reasonable as they are in line with the consultation period for the Initial Proposals. We cannot commit to take into account information or evidence received after these dates.

On the overall H7 timetable, it is our firm view that the approach we are adopting strikes an appropriate balance between:

- allowing a reasonable amount of time for stakeholder consultation;
- while enabling us to accommodate requests from stakeholders for additional time where possible.

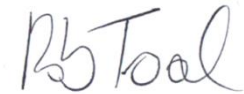
We consider this balanced approach is in consumers' interests as it ensures a degree of flexibility in the process so that we can respond to external events while managing the risk

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<sup>1</sup> See Chapter 14, CAP2265D – [www.caa.co.uk/CAP2265D](http://www.caa.co.uk/CAP2265D).

of delaying the overall H7 timetable. Stakeholders should also be mindful that requests for additional time to respond to consultations may have implications for the timing of the H7 process more widely, not least as any extensions of time inevitably affect the timing of CAA's review and consideration of stakeholders' comments and evidence.

Yours sincerely

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